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1. A reliable source in Madrid states that in early November 1946, the
Cenetista Cipriano Mera, who according to previous reports was approached
by Falangist elements with regard to his participating in the formation
of a labor party (see [REDACTED]), said that conversations had been held between
members of the CNT and Falangists on this matter, but he denied that he had
taken part in them. Mera said that he had always been in agreement with
the doctrines and spirit of the CNT and of the FAI (Federacion Anarquista
Iberica - an organization of anarchist militants founded secretly in 1927).
2. A certain Zamora, described as a close friend of the priest Bernardino Anton
Ortiz, who is counsellor of the Central Nacional Sindicalista and is well
informed on matters relating to the Falange syndicates, stated that Spanish
Minister of Labor Giron had made overtures to Mera and was continuing his
efforts to form a labor, or trade-union, party. Anton Ortiz reportedly is
in the confidence of Giron.
3. According to Maria Remedios Banon Torres, a secretary of the Accion Catolica
center of the parish of San Ginez of Madrid, Anton Ortiz is working actively
for the constitution of this party, in collaboration with the Under Secretary
of Labor, Carlos Pinilla Turino.
4. Francisco Gomez Barron, a lawyer employed in the Ministry of Labor, stated
that Franco had authorized Giron to form a labor party by July 1945. He
added that Manuel Martinez Pereiro, who is Secretary of the Technical
Committee of Accion Catolica and who holds a responsible post in the Minis-
try of Labor, was kept informed of the progress made by Giron in this
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